

Baby Jester Hat by Woolly Wormhead



Yarn

99yd/90m/50g
Aran weight, multi-ply yarn.

Needles & Notions

Set 4.5mm/UK7/US7 DPNs/Circular or size needed to obtain gauge
Stitch marker as necessary
Tapestry needle

Sample details

Shown in a custom hand-dyed single play yarn [218yd/199m per 100g; 100% Wool]

Shown in size 18in/45.75cm on model with 18in/45.75cm circumference head

Gauge

18 sts x 24 rows to 4in/10cm on 4.5mm needles over St.St.

Sizes

To fit sizes: 12 [14, 16, 18] in/30.5 [35.5, 40.75, 45.75] cm
Finished size: 12 [13.25, 14.75, 16] in/30.5 [33.75, 37.5, 40.75] cm

Skills required

Knit & purl sts, knitting in the round, increases & decreases

Abbreviations

K:	knit
P:	purl
RS:	right side
WS:	wrong side
Rnd/rnd:	round
rpt:	repeat
st(s):	stitch(es)
M1:	pick up the horizontal loop between sts, place it onto the left needle then knit into the back of it

Rnd 3: *K1, M1, K20 [22, 24, 26], M1, K1; rpt from * to end

Rnd 4: *K1, M1, K22 [24, 26, 28], M1, K1; rpt from * to end

Continue in this manner, increasing 6 sts per round until you have 138 [156, 174, 192] sts or until you run out of yarn (less increases and less stitches will create less floppy jester points; more increases create more noticeable points)

Close top

Starting at the first point tip (either first marker or first pair of needle ends), either crochet bind-off, 3-needle bind-off or kitchener 23 [26, 29, 32] sts from both needles together. Your first point is now complete. Move around to next marker or pair of needle ends and repeat. Finally, work the same on the final set of stitches.

Using waste yarn, sew down the remaining stitches at the centre of the top. You may have 3 left or just one, depending on how you have worked the bind-off.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. A gentle wash and blocking is required to help the increase lines settle in and lay flat.

Pattern Support

I'm afraid I'm unable to offer pattern support via email for my free patterns. Should you have any questions regarding this pattern please visit the Woolly Wormhead group on Ravelry:
<http://www.ravelry.com/groups/woolly-wormheads-hats>

Note

Not sure which size to make? Grab a tape measure! Babies' heads vary greatly – a typical newborn size is roughly 14in, typical year is 18in but these are only averages.

Adjustment Notes

This pattern is easily adjusted by casting on extra sts in multiples of 6.

How to

Cast on 54 [60, 66, 72] sts
Join in the round, being careful not to twist sts.
Place stitch marker to indicate start of round.

Body

Work stocking stitch by knitting every round for 3 [4, 5, 6] in/7.5 [10, 12.5, 15] cm or desired length

It is now a good idea to make sure the stitches are evenly distributed across 3 needles, with a 4th as the working needle.

Crown

Rnd 1: *K1, M1 K16 [18, 20, 22], M1, K1; rpt from * to end (3 rpts/markers per rnd)

Rnd 2: *K1, M1, K18 [20, 22, 24], M1, K1; rpt from * to end

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